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# ALGEBRA I

# ITEM SAMPLER

Tennessee End of Course Assessment  
Algebra I



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# Mathematics Reference Page

Abbreviations for Geometric Formulas		
$A$ = area	$d$ = diameter	$r$ = radius
$B$ = area of base	$h$ = height	$s$ = length of side
$b$ = base	$\ell$ = length	$V$ = volume
$C$ = circumference	$P$ = perimeter	$w$ = width

Perimeter ( $P$ ) and Circumference ( $C$ )	
Any Polygon:	$P$ = sum of side lengths
Rectangle:	$P = 2\ell + 2w$
Circle:	$C = 2\pi r$ or $\pi d$
	$\pi \approx 3.14$ or $\frac{22}{7}$

Plane Figures	Area ( $A$ )
Triangle:	$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$
Rectangle:	$A = \ell w$
Circle:	$A = \pi r^2$
	$\pi \approx 3.14$ or $\frac{22}{7}$

Solid Figures	Volume ( $V$ )
Right Rectangular Prism:	$V = Bh$ or $V = \ell wh$
Cube:	$V = s^3$

Algebraic Formulas and Equations	
$d = rt$	distance = rate $\times$ time
Distance Formula	$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$
	$d$ = distance between two points
Midpoint Formula:	$\left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$
Slope Formula:	$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$
Standard Form of a Linear Equation:	$Ax + By = C$
Slope-Intercept Equation:	$y = mx + b$
Point-Slope Equation:	$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
Pythagorean Theorem:	$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Quadratics	
For $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ :	$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
Discriminant:	$b^2 - 4ac$

Measurement Conversions	
<b>LENGTH</b>	<b>CAPACITY</b>
1 foot (ft) = 12 inches (in.)	1 cup (c) = 8 fluid ounces (fl oz)
1 yard (yd) = 3 feet	1 pint (pt) = 2 cups
1 yard = 36 inches	1 quart (qt) = 2 pints
1 mile = 1,760 yards	1 quart = 4 cups
1 mile = 5,280 feet	1 gallon (gal) = 4 quarts
	<b>WEIGHT</b>
	1 pound (lb) = 16 ounces (oz)
	1 ton (T) = 2,000 pounds
<b>CONVERSION BETWEEN CUSTOMARY AND METRIC MEASUREMENT</b>	
1 yard = 0.9144 m	1 quart = 0.946 L
1 foot = 0.3048 m	1 ounce = 28.35 g
1 inch = 2.54 cm	1 lb = 0.45 kg



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## Introduction to Algebra I

### Content of tests

The testing program titled the *Tennessee End of Course Assessment* was established to meet the Tennessee mandate for end of course assessments in Tennessee secondary schools. These tests measure the Tennessee Performance Indicators. Subject areas covered by the testing program include Mathematics, Language Arts, History, and Science.

### Test development

For the *Tennessee End of Course Assessment*, a staff of writers—composed of both teachers and professional test developers experienced in each of the content areas—researched and wrote the items. Professional editors and content specialists carefully reviewed all items and test directions for content and accuracy. To provide a large pool of items for final test selection, the test developers created approximately twice as many items as were needed in the final editions of the tests.

After tryout tests were administered, student responses were analyzed. Professional content editors and researchers carefully reviewed items, their data, and test directions for content, suitability, and accuracy before including particular items and test directions in operational tests.

**Test administration**

*Tennessee End of Course Assessments* are given to students as they near the end of courses that are included in the program. Tests may be given midyear for block schedules or near the end of the school year.

Each test contains 65 multiple-choice questions.

Students will have ample time to read and answer each of the questions. The Algebra I test has been designed to be administered in one session and is not timed.

Calculator use is optional. Sharing calculators during testing is not permitted.

The following types of calculators/devices may **NOT** be used during the test:

- pocket organizers
- electronic writing pads or input devices
- Some examples of prohibited calculators are:
  - Casio models: CFX-9970G, Algebra FX 2.0
  - Hewlett-Packard models: HP-40G, HP-49G
  - Texas Instruments models: TI-89, TI-92, Voyage 200, TI-NSPIRE - the CAS version (The non-CAS version of TI-NSPIRE is allowable.)
- calculators that can communicate (transfer data or information) wirelessly with other student calculators/devices
- cell phones, PSPs, and/or iPods

Students may use any four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator that does not have any of the above features. The use of units that have a Computer Algebra System (CAS) is NOT allowed.

## Tips for Taking the Test

### Preparing for the test

- Review this Tennessee End of Course Item Sampler for Algebra I carefully and thoroughly.
- Acquire a Tennessee End of Course Practice Test for Algebra I, and take the test several times.
- Become familiar with the correct way to mark answers on the answer sheet. There is a sample answer sheet in the Practice Test.

### Before the test

- Get a good night's sleep. To do your best, you need to be rested.

### During the test

- Relax. It is normal to be somewhat nervous before the test. Try to relax and not worry.
- Listen. Listen to and read the test directions carefully. Ask for an explanation of the directions if you do not understand them.
- Plan your time. Do not spend too much time on any one question. If a question seems to take too long, skip it and return to it later. Answer all questions you are sure of first.
- Think. If you are not sure how to answer a question, read it again and try your best to answer the question. Rule out answer choices that you know are incorrect and choose from those that remain.

## Directions for Using the Item Sampler

This Item Sampler for Algebra I provides specific information to students and teachers. It contains examples of different item types for each Performance Indicator that may be tested in any given end of course test administration. Performance Indicators have been grouped under Reporting Categories. These Reporting Categories will be used to report information regarding performance on the end of course tests to students, teachers, schools, and systems.

The items in this Item Sampler will not be found in the end of course tests. The number of items in this Item Sampler does not reflect the emphasis of content on the test. In order to identify the emphasis of content, the End of Course Assessment Practice Test for Algebra I should be used. The Practice Test gives a better representation of content emphasis across Reporting Categories and Performance Indicators.

An Answer Key is located on Page 31. Use it to check your answers. Review items that you get wrong.

**Reporting Category:** Mathematical Processes  
**Numbers 1 through 6**

**Performance Indicator:** Interpret patterns found in sequences, tables, and other forms of quantitative information using variables or function notation.

- 1** Which function best represents the data shown in the table?

Shirt Cost

Number of Shirts, $x$	Total Cost, $f(x)$
1	11
2	20
3	29
4	38
5	47

- A**  $f(x) = 9x$   
**B**  $f(x) = x + 9$   
**C**  $f(x) = 9x + 2$   
**D**  $f(x) = 2x + 9$

GM040008

**Performance Indicator:** Write an equation symbolically to express a contextual problem.

- 2** To calculate her target heart rate, Shayla subtracts her age,  $a$ , from 220 and then takes 70% of the difference. Which equation should Shayla use to calculate  $r$ , her target heart rate?

- F**  $r = 0.7(a - 220)$   
**G**  $r = 0.7(220 - a)$   
**H**  $r = 0.7(220) - a$   
**J**  $r = 220 - 0.7(a)$

GM040094

**Performance Indicator:** Apply properties to evaluate expressions, simplify expressions, and justify solutions to problems.

**3** Simplify:

$$2(7x - 2y) + 6x - 7(x - 3y)$$

- A**  $8x - y$
- B**  $8x - 7y$
- C**  $13x + 25y$
- D**  $13x + 17y$

GM040009

**Performance Indicator:** Translate between representations of functions that depict real-world situations.

- 4** An airport taxi service can take passengers to three different locations. The costs are summarized in this table:

**Airport Taxi Cost**

Location	Distance (miles)	Cost
Business District	3	\$10
Tourist District	4	\$12
City Center	6	\$16

Which equation correctly expresses the relationship between the cost,  $c$ , and the distance,  $d$ , of a taxi ride?

- F**  $c = 3d - 2$
- G**  $c = 3d + 1$
- H**  $c = 2d - 4$
- J**  $c = 2d + 4$

GM040096

**Performance Indicator:** Recognize and express the effect of changing constants and/or coefficients in problem solving.

**5** The total number of miles Raul runs,  $R$ , including a 0.5-mile warm-up, is given by the equation  $R = 6t + 0.5$ . The total number of miles Ben runs,  $B$ , including a 0.25-mile warm-up, is given by the equation  $B = 5t + 0.25$ . If  $t$  represents the time in hours after each runner's warm-up, which statement best compares Raul's speed to Ben's speed?

- A** Raul's speed is 1 mile per hour faster than Ben's.
- B** Raul's speed is 3 miles per hour faster than Ben's.
- C** Raul's speed is 1 mile per hour slower than Ben's.
- D** Raul's speed is 3 miles per hour slower than Ben's.

GM040119

**Performance Indicator:** Determine and interpret slope in multiple contexts including rate of change in real-world problems.

**6** Richard works at an appliance store. The equation  $y = 25x + 56$  represents his daily earnings,  $y$ , based on selling  $x$  appliances. What is represented by the slope in this equation?

- F** the total amount of money Richard earns each day
- G** the total number of appliances Richard sells each day
- H** the amount of money Richard earns if he sells no appliances
- J** the amount of money Richard earns for each appliance he sells

GM040015

**Reporting Category:** Number and Operations  
**Numbers 7 through 9**

**Performance Indicator:** Operate (add, subtract, multiply, divide, simplify, powers) with radicals and radical expressions including radicands involving rational numbers and algebraic expressions.

**7** If the value of the variable  $y$  is positive, what is the sum of  $5\sqrt{2y}$  and  $\sqrt{2y}$ ?

- A**  $5\sqrt{2y}$
- B**  $6\sqrt{2y}$
- C**  $5\sqrt{4y}$
- D**  $6\sqrt{4y}$

GM040054

**Performance Indicator:** Multiply, divide, and square numbers expressed in scientific notation.

**8** A light-year is about  $9.46 \times 10^{12}$  kilometers. The Andromeda galaxy is about  $2.0 \times 10^6$  light-years from Earth. How many kilometers is the Andromeda galaxy from Earth?

- F**  $1.892 \times 10^{19}$
- G**  $1.892 \times 10^{18}$
- H**  $1.146 \times 10^{19}$
- J**  $1.146 \times 10^{18}$

GM040104

**Performance Indicator:** Describe and/or order a given set of real numbers including both rational and irrational numbers.

**9** Which list shows the numbers arranged from greatest to least?

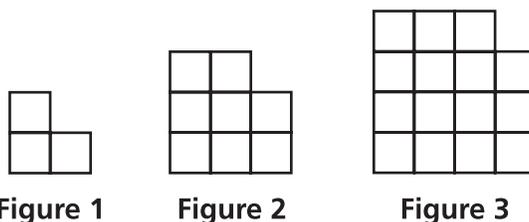
- A**  $\sqrt{11}$ , 4.1, 4.065, 2.5
- B** 4.1, 4.065,  $\sqrt{11}$ , 2.5
- C**  $\sqrt{11}$ , 4.065, 4.1, 2.5
- D** 4.1, 4.065, 2.5,  $\sqrt{11}$

GM040219

**Reporting Category:** Algebra  
**Numbers 10 through 20**

**Performance Indicator:** Express a generalization of a pattern in various representations including algebraic and function notation.

**10** The first 3 figures in a pattern are shown.



 = 1 small square

Which function represents  $f(n)$ , the number of small squares in figure  $n$ ?

**F**  $f(n) = n^2 - 1$

**G**  $f(n) = 2n^2 + 1$

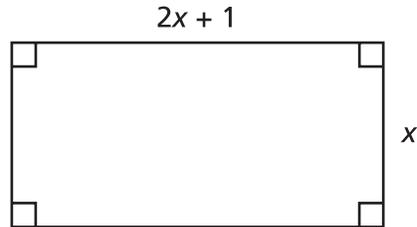
**H**  $f(n) = (n + 1)^2 + 1$

**J**  $f(n) = (n + 1)^2 - 1$

GM040156

**Performance Indicator:** Operate with polynomials and simplify results.

- 11** The length and width of a rectangular garden are represented in the figure shown.



$$A = \ell w$$

Which equation represents the area ( $A$ ) of the garden in terms of  $x$ ?

- A**  $A = 2x^2 + 1$
- B**  $A = 2x^2 + x$
- C**  $A = 4x^2 + 4x + 1$
- D**  $A = 4x^3 + 4x^2 + x$

GM040306

**Performance Indicator:** Factor polynomials.

- 12** **Factor:**  $x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 6$

- F**  $x(x^2 + 3x + 8)$
- G**  $x(x^2 + 3x + 2)$
- H**  $(x + 3)(x^2 + 2)$
- J**  $(x + 2)(x^2 + 3)$

GM040130

**Performance Indicator:** Operate with, evaluate, and simplify rational expressions including determining restrictions on the domain of the variables.

**13** Simplify  $\frac{x^2 + 4x - 5}{x^2 - 5x + 6} \cdot \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 - 6x + 5}$  for all values of  $x$  for which the expression is defined.

**A**  $-1$

**B**  $1$

**C**  $\frac{x^2 + 7x + 10}{x^2 - 7x + 10}$

**D**  $\frac{x^2 - 7x + 10}{x^2 + 7x + 10}$

GM040184

**Performance Indicator:** Write and/or solve linear equations, inequalities, and compound inequalities including those containing absolute value.

- 14** Which statement represents the solution to this compound inequality?

$$-6x - 5 \leq -15 \text{ or } -3x + 28 \geq 52$$

**F**  $-8 \leq x \leq 1\frac{2}{3}$

**G**  $-26\frac{2}{3} \leq x \leq 3\frac{1}{3}$

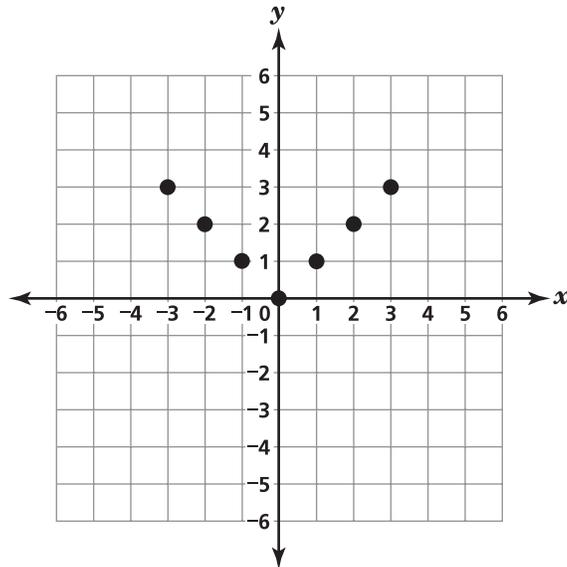
**H**  $x \leq -8 \text{ or } x \geq 1\frac{2}{3}$

**J**  $x \leq -26\frac{2}{3} \text{ or } x \geq 3\frac{1}{3}$

GM040237

**Performance Indicator:** Interpret various relations in multiple representations.

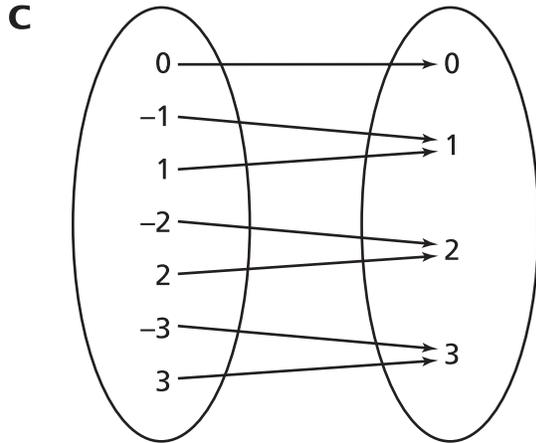
**15** Observe the relation.



Which is not an equivalent representation for this relation for the set of integers?

**A**  $y = x^2$

**B**  $\{(-3, 3), (-2, 2), (-1, 1), (0, 0), (1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)\}$



**D**

$x$	$y$
0	0
-1	1
1	1
-2	2
2	2
-3	3
3	3

GM040284

**Performance Indicator:** Determine domain and range of a relation, determine whether a relation is a function and/or evaluate a function at a specified rational value.

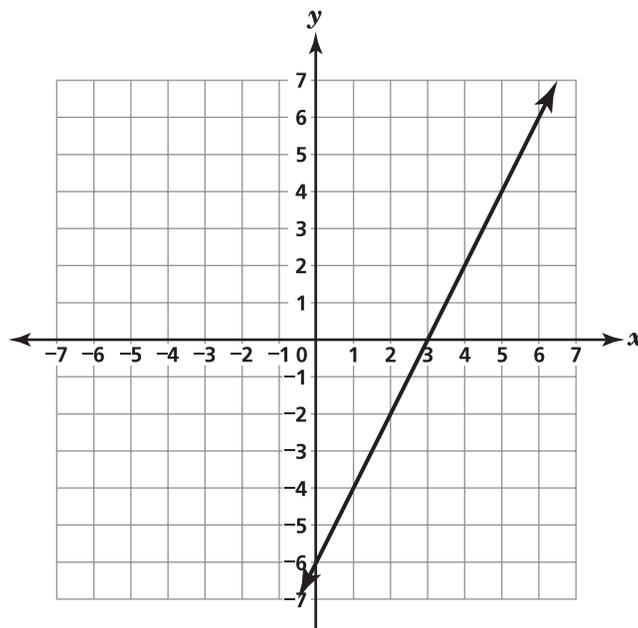
**16** The height,  $h$ , in feet, of an object  $t$  seconds after it is dropped from the roof of a building 100 feet high is represented by the function  $h(t) = 100 - 16t^2$ . What is the height of a ball 1.5 seconds after being dropped from the roof of this building?

- F** 24 feet
- G** 64 feet
- H** 76 feet
- J** 84 feet

GM040290

**Performance Indicator:** Determine the equation of a line and/or graph a linear equation.

**17** Which equation best represents the graph of the line?



- A**  $2x - y = 6$
- B**  $2x + y = 6$
- C**  $6x + y = 3$
- D**  $3x - 6y = 0$

GM040151

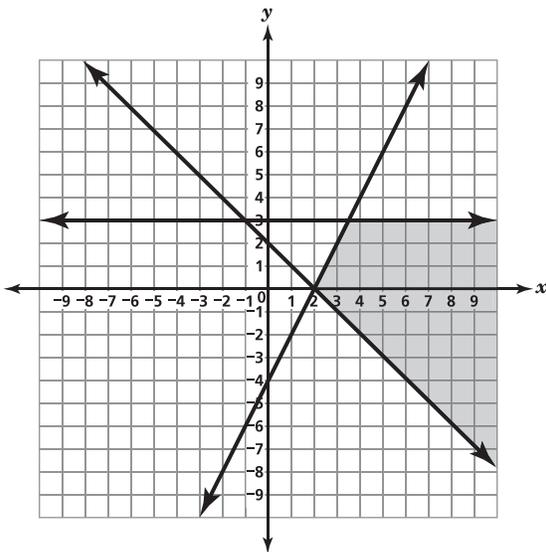
Performance Indicator: Solve systems of linear equations/inequalities in two variables.

18 Which graph best represents the solution to the system of linear inequalities?

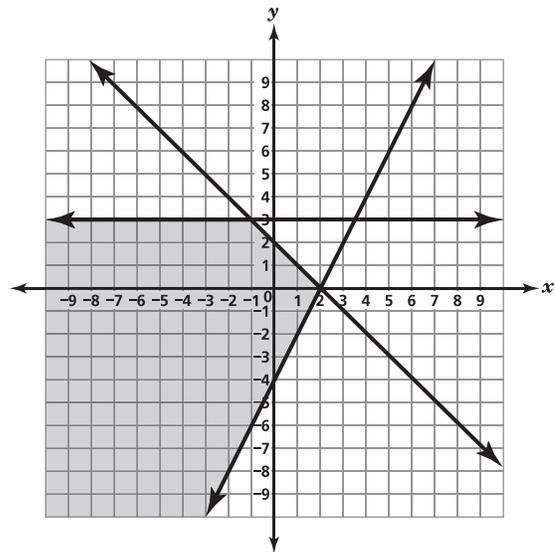
$$4x - 2y \leq 8$$

$$x + y \geq 2$$

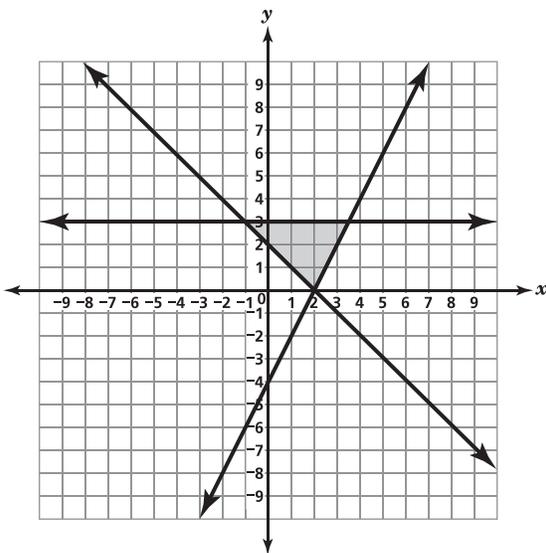
$$y \leq 3$$



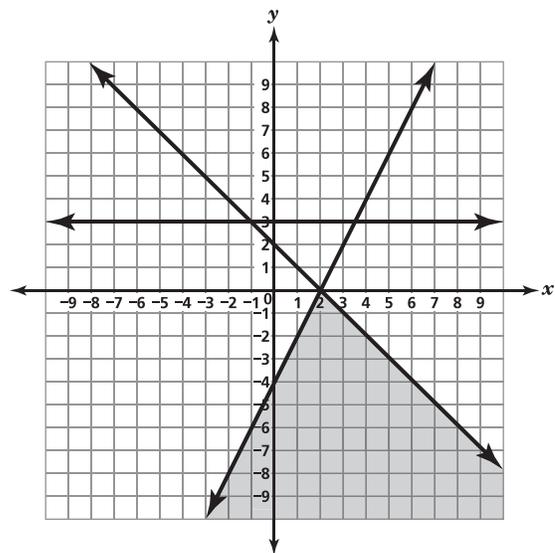
F



H



G



J

**Performance Indicator:** Find the solution of a quadratic equation and/or zeros of a quadratic function.

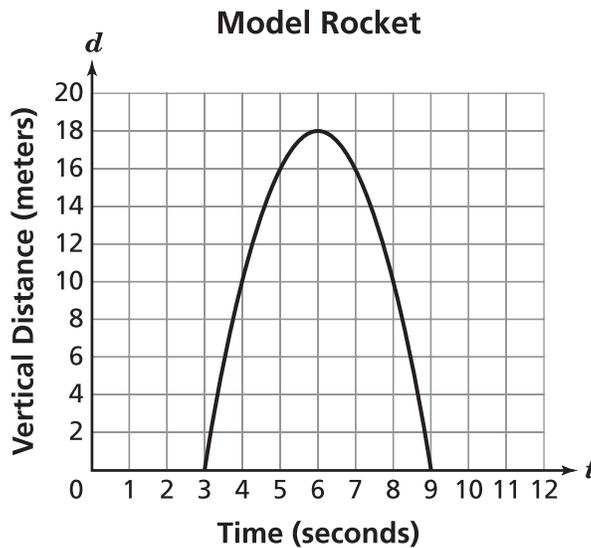
**19** Solve:  $x^2 + 15 = -10x - 10$

- A**  $x = 5$
- B**  $x = -5$
- C**  $x = \sqrt{15}$
- D**  $x = -\sqrt{15}$

GM040030

**Performance Indicator:** Analyze nonlinear graphs including quadratic and exponential functions that model a contextual situation.

- 20** A model rocket is launched from the ground after a 3-second countdown. The vertical distance,  $d$ , in meters, of the rocket as it travels over time,  $t$ , in seconds, is represented by the parabola shown.



Once the rocket has traveled for 1.25 seconds, in how many more seconds does it return to the same vertical distance?

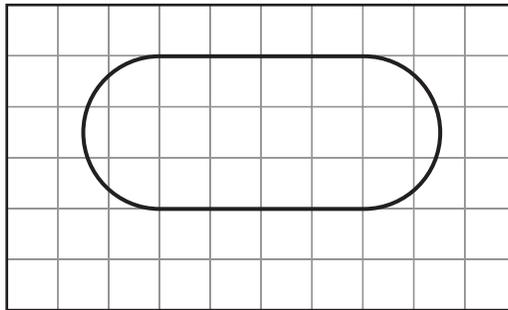
- F** 1.75
- G** 3.00
- H** 3.50
- J** 6.50

GM040274

**Reporting Category:** Geometry and Measurement  
**Numbers 21 through 24**

**Performance Indicator:** Develop and apply strategies to estimate the area of any shape on a plane grid.

**21** Which is closest to the area of the figure?



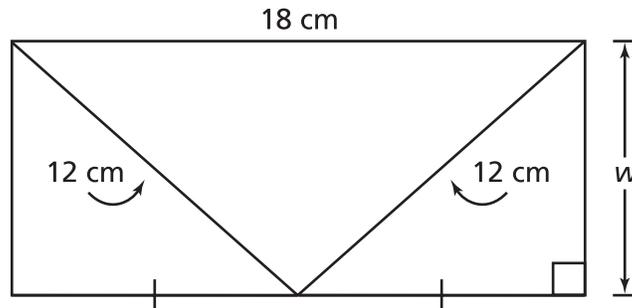
= 1 square unit

- A** 7 square units
- B** 12 square units
- C** 19 square units
- D** 21 square units

GM040031

**Performance Indicator:** Solve contextual problems using the Pythagorean Theorem.

- 22** Andrew designed a rectangular envelope using the measurements shown.



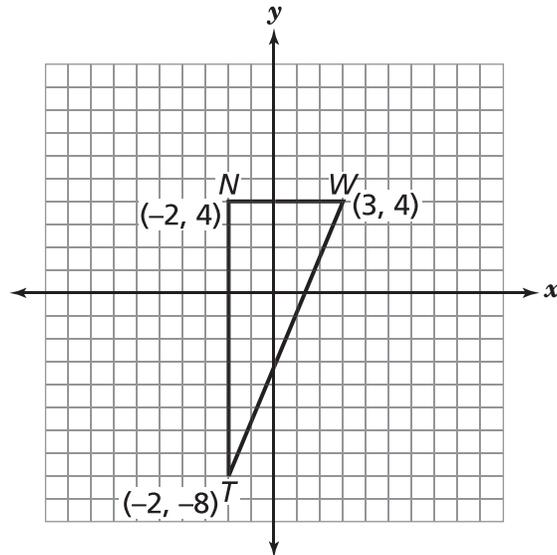
What is  $w$ , the width of the envelope, in centimeters (cm)?

- F**  $3\sqrt{7}$
- G**  $6\sqrt{5}$
- H**  $6\sqrt{13}$
- J**  $12\sqrt{2}$

GM040076

**Performance Indicator:** Solve problems involving the distance between points or midpoint of a segment.

- 23** Which value is closest to the perimeter of  $\triangle NWT$ , in units?



- A** 13
- B** 17
- C** 21
- D** 30

GM040244

**Performance Indicator:** Convert rates and measurements.

- 24** One type of fabric regularly costs \$6.99 per yard. When the fabric is on sale, it costs \$4.89 per yard. Which is closest to the difference in the cost per inch for the fabric when it is on sale compared to its regular price?

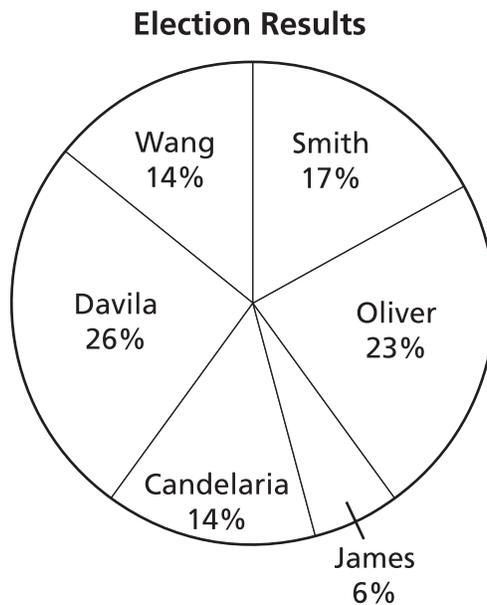
- F** 5.8 cents per inch
- G** 11.7 cents per inch
- H** 13.6 cents per inch
- J** 17.5 cents per inch

GM040167

**Reporting Category:** Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability  
Numbers 25 through 29

**Performance Indicator:** Interpret displays of data to answer questions about the data set(s) (e.g., identify pattern, trends, and/or outliers in a data set).

- 25** A total of 200 votes were cast in an election. The circle graph shows the percentage of votes received by each candidate running for class president.



Which statement is not supported by the data in the graph?

- A** Davila wins the election with 26 votes.
- B** James has less than half the number of votes as Candelaria.
- C** Almost half of the votes went to Davila and Oliver combined.
- D** Smith and James combined have the same number of votes as Oliver.

GM040246

**Performance Indicator:** Identify the effect on mean, median, mode, and range when values in the data set are changed.

**26** The range of a data set is 12. Every value in the data set is multiplied by 3 to create a new data set. What is the range of the new data set?

**F** 4

**G** 15

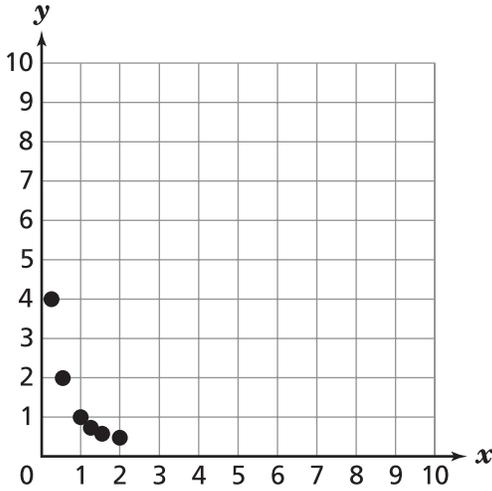
**H** 27

**J** 36

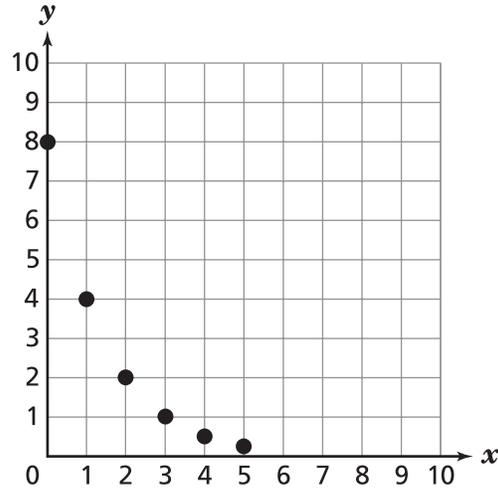
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**Performance Indicator:** Using a scatterplot, determine if a linear relationship exists and describe the association between variables.

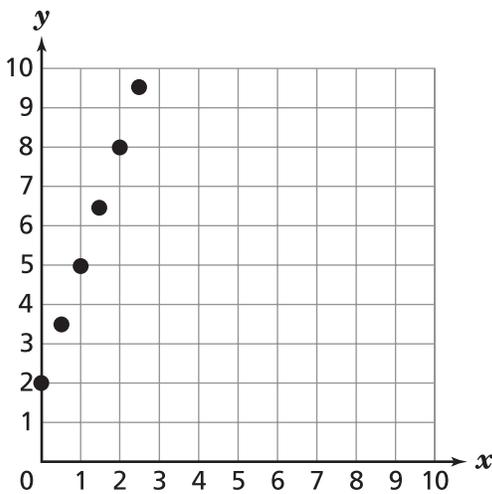
**27** Which scatterplot shows a negative linear relationship between the variables  $x$  and  $y$ ?



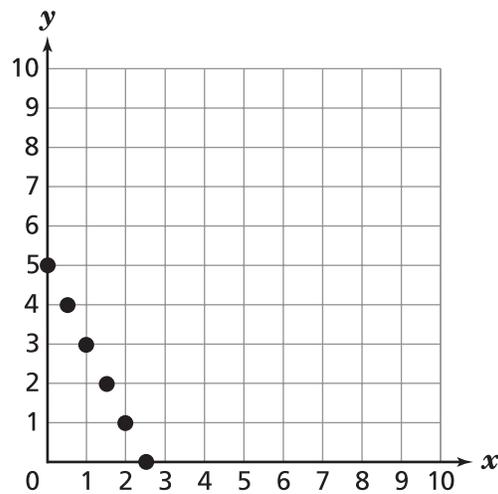
**A**



**C**



**B**



**D**

GM040311

**Performance Indicator:** Generate the equation of a line that fits linear data and use it to make a prediction.

- 28** A relationship between  $t$ , the winning time for the men's 100-meter run in the Olympic Games, and  $y$ , the number of years after 1900, is shown in the table.

**100-Meter Run Results**

Year of Olympic Games	Years after 1900, $y$	Winning Time, $t$ (in seconds)
1900	0	11.0
1912	12	10.8
1924	24	10.6
1936	36	10.3
1948	48	10.3
1960	60	10.2
1972	72	10.14
1984	84	9.99
1996	96	9.84

If the trend continues, which is the best prediction for the winning time, in seconds, for the 100-meter run in the 2020 Olympics?

- F** 8.94
- G** 9.30
- H** 9.54
- J** 9.82

GM040144

**Performance Indicator:** Determine theoretical and/or experimental probability of an event and/or its complement including using relative frequency.

- 29** The names of 17 high school students are written on same-size pieces of paper and placed in a hat for a drawing. Eight of the students whose names are placed in the hat are seniors, four are juniors, and five are sophomores.

What is the probability that the first slip of paper drawn from the hat does not have the name of a sophomore student written on it?

**A**  $\frac{5}{17}$

**B**  $\frac{8}{17}$

**C**  $\frac{12}{17}$

**D**  $\frac{13}{17}$

GM040251

## Answer Key with Reporting Category and Performance Indicator

Reporting Category 1: Mathematical Processes		
Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
1	C	3102.1.1 Interpret patterns found in sequences, tables, and other forms of quantitative information using variables or function notation.
2	G	3102.1.2 Write an equation symbolically to express a contextual problem.
3	D	3102.1.3 Apply properties to evaluate expressions, simplify expressions, and justify solutions to problems.
4	J	3102.1.4 Translate between representations of functions that depict real-world situations.
5	A	3102.1.5 Recognize and express the effect of changing constants and/or coefficients in problem solving.
6	J	3102.1.6 Determine and interpret slope in multiple contexts including rate of change in real-world problems.

## Answer Key with Reporting Category and Performance Indicator

### Reporting Category 2: Number and Operations

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
7	B	3102.2.1 Operate (add, subtract, multiply, divide, simplify, powers) with radicals and radical expressions including radicands involving rational numbers and algebraic expressions.
8	F	3102.2.2 Multiply, divide, and square numbers expressed in scientific notation.
9	B	3102.2.3 Describe and/or order a given set of real numbers including both rational and irrational numbers.

## Answer Key with Reporting Category and Performance Indicator

Reporting Category 3: Algebra		
Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
10	J	3102.3.1 Express a generalization of a pattern in various representations including algebraic and function notation.
11	B	3102.3.2 Operate with polynomials and simplify results.
12	H	3102.3.3 Factor polynomials.
13	C	3102.3.4 Operate with, evaluate, and simplify rational expressions including determining restrictions on the domain of the variables.
14	H	3102.3.5 Write and/or solve linear equations, inequalities, and compound inequalities including those containing absolute value.
15	A	3102.3.6 Interpret various relations in multiple representations.
16	G	3102.3.7 Determine domain and range of a relation, determine whether a relation is a function and/or evaluate a function at a specified rational value.
17	A	3102.3.8 Determine the equation of a line and/or graph a linear equation.
18	G	3102.3.9 Solve systems of linear equations/inequalities in two variables.
19	B	3102.3.10 Find the solution of a quadratic equation and/or zeros of a quadratic function.
20	H	3102.3.11 Analyze nonlinear graphs including quadratic and exponential functions that model a contextual situation.

## Answer Key with Reporting Category and Performance Indicator

### Reporting Category 4: Geometry and Measurement

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
21	C	3102.4.1 Develop and apply strategies to estimate the area of any shape on a plane grid.
22	F	3102.4.2 Solve contextual problems using the Pythagorean Theorem.
23	D	3102.4.3 Solve problems involving the distance between points or midpoint of a segment.
24	F	3102.4.4 Convert rates and measurements.

## Answer Key with Reporting Category and Performance Indicator

<b>Reporting Category 5: Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability</b>		
<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Correct Answer</b>	<b>Performance Indicator</b>
25	A	3102.5.1 Interpret displays of data to answer questions about the data set(s) (e.g., identify pattern, trends, and/or outliers in a data set).
26	J	3102.5.2 Identify the effect on mean, median, mode, and range when values in the data set are changed.
27	D	3102.5.3 Using a scatterplot, determine if a linear relationship exists and describe the association between variables.
28	H	3102.5.4 Generate the equation of a line that fits linear data and use it to make a prediction.
29	C	3102.5.5 Determine theoretical and/or experimental probability of an event and/or its complement including using relative frequency.